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HB 5521 AN ACT ELIMINATING CREDIT REPORTS AS A BASIS
FOR EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS

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Good afternoon, Co-Chairs Senator Prague, Representative Ryan and the members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. The Service Employees International Union Connecticut State Council represents over 53,000 active and retired members in Connecticut. SEIU is the states largest union with both public and private sector members.

SEIU supports HB 5521. It is our belief that in these tough economic times a person's financial hard ship should not be an obstacle in obtaining gainful employment. A credit report should have no bearing on a person's ability to perform most jobs and therefore should not be considered during the employment process.

The use of credit reports can cause an undue barrier in the effort to seek employment for prospective employees and create a false sense of understanding of those prospective employees by the employer.

The Council also supports S.B. 365 An Act Concerning Captive Audience Meetings and H.B. 6187 An Act Mandating Employers Provide Paid Sick Leave to Employees.

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